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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 13, 2004, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the Office action for the aboveidentified application, applicants elect group A, the species of Fig. 4, for prosecution at this time.

The following claims read on the elected species of Fig. 4: claims 1-7.

Claims 1-6 are generic.

In light of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of all of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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